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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Monday, November 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	01/07/2013

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **Vice President, Presiding**  
Yen-Anh Gibson, Public Member (9:00 a.m. – 10:49 a.m.)  
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member  
Kyla Teed, Public Member  
Philip Thompson, Professional Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Fran Franklin, Professional Member, **President**  
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member, **Secretary**

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Jennifer Biddle, Office of Management and Budget  
Patrick Chase  
Kerry Ferriter, Office of the Public Defender  
Jeanette Hammon, DSCYF  
Julie LaBadia, Wilcox & Fetzer  
Cha-Tanya Lankford, Pressley Ridge  
Debony Lee  
Elizabeth McIlvaine  
Shadlyn A. Minor, NASW  
Ashley Rice, Office of Management and Budget  
John Shuford, NASW

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the October 15, 2012, minutes for approval. Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Lynell Crawford**

Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Exam for Lynell Crawford. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Phyllis Perrine**

Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Exam for Phyllis Perrine. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Andrew Durham**

Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Exam for Andrew Durham. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Bianca Ranger**

Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Exam for Bianca Ranger. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Needed) – Marilyn Lamberth**

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to table the application to sit for the ASWB Exam for Marilyn Lamberth for corrected supervisory reference forms. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity– Deborah Smithson**

Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the application for licensure by reciprocity for Deborah Smithson. Motion unanimously carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review Previously Tabled Application for Theresa Sharpe**

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application for Theresa Sharpe. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to propose to deny the application due to her criminal history. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review Previously Tabled Application for Sidney Freeman**

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application for Sidney Freeman. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Review Correspondence Submitted by Marc Espieg, MSW**

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Marc Espieg regarding supervision requirements. Ms. Scott-Cobb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to refer Mr. Espieg to the supervisory reference form and to encourage him to meet with his potential supervisor to ensure that the level of supervision he would be receiving is adequate in regards to the Board's regulations. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board observed a brief recess from 9:25 a.m. until 9:32 a.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Proposal to Deny Hearing – Debon Lee (9:30 a.m.)**

At 9:32 a.m., Ms. Mason called the proposal to deny hearing to order on the application submitted by Debon Lee. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Ms. Mason advised the Board that she works with the applicant and Dover Behavioral Health, but believes that she can be impartial during the proposal to deny hearing. Ms. Lee had no objections with Ms. Mason participating in the hearing.

Ms. Heeney stated the reason for the hearing and had the following items marked as exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 - Ms. Lee's application and supporting documents, the PTD letter sent to Ms. Lee, the hearing notification letter sent to Ms. Lee, and documentation from Ms. Lee waiving her 20 day notice to a hearing. Ms. Heeney verified with Ms. Lee that she waived her right to be represented by counsel and that she waived her right to the 20 day notice of a hearing.

Ms. Lee was sworn in, presented her case, and answered questions asked by the Board. At 9:50 a.m. the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 10:03 a.m., the Board went back on the record. Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to deny the application of Ms. Lee to sit for the exam because she does not satisfy the requirements for licensure due to not being able to demonstrate that she had provided adequate clinical diagnoses and biopsychosocial assessments during her period of supervision. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Lee must accumulate 1,600 hours of supervised experience in not less than one year with at least 100 hours of face to face supervision. The hearing concluded at 11:07 a.m.

The Board observed a brief recess from 10:08 a.m. until 10:18 a.m.

#### **Proposal to Deny Hearing – Patrick Chase (10:00 a.m.)**

At 10:18 a.m., Ms. Mason called the proposal to deny hearing to order on the application submitted by Patrick Chase. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter.

Ms. Heeney stated the reason for the hearing and had the following items marked as exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – Mr. Chase's application and supporting documents, the PTD letter sent to Mr. Chase, the hearing notification letter sent to Mr. Chase, and disciplinary information from the State of Pennsylvania. A packet of continuing education certificates were marked as Applicant Exhibit 1. Ms. Heeney verified with Mr. Chase that he waived his right to be represented by counsel. Mr. Chase was sworn in, presented his case, and answered questions asked by the Board. At 10:37 a.m. the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 10:46 a.m., the Board went back on the record. Ms. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the application for licensure by reciprocity for Patrick Chase. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 10:48 a.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Mr. Thompson reported that Dr. Franklin returned from her trip to the ASWB Annual Seminar and is currently on vacation.

**Discussion of Proposed Statutory Revisions**

Ms. Mason opened the floor to the public for discussion of the proposed statutory revisions. Kerry Ferriter addressed the Board, specifically asking how the Board will be defining a state social worker. Ms. Ferriter was advised by the board that many social workers are employed by the state with various job titles. Those employees would be considered a state social worker.

Ms. Ferriter inquired as to whether or not the Board will be defining what criteria/skills will be needed for LMSW, and if the Board will be looking within each agency to determine the appropriate supervision. Ms. Ferriter was advised that each licensure category must be clearly defined within the regulations and statute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Shuford inquired if Ms. Lee's statement that only LCSW's can supervise was correct. The Board advised Mr. Shuford that the statement was incorrect.

Mr. Shuford asked the Board what the protocol was for the post-renewal continuing education audit and if a licensee submits a course that is deemed unacceptable, what the course of action would be. Mr. Shuford was advised that it is at the Board's discretion if they wish to allow additional time for the licensee to obtain acceptable continuing education.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

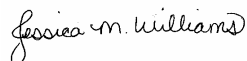
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners